

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

JOINT PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF NEWSOUTH) DOCKET NO.
COMMUNICATIONS CORP, NUVOX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,) 04-00046
KMC TELECOM V, INC., KMC TELECOM III LLC, AND XSPEDIUS)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC ON BEHALF OF ITS OPERATING)
SUBSIDIARIES XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT CO., SWITCHED)
SERVICES, LLC AND XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT CO. OF)
CHATTANOOGA, LLC OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
WITH BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)

This matter is before the Pre-Arbitration Officer pursuant to the *Affidavit of James Meza for Permission to Practice Pro Hac Vice* (“*Affidavit*”) filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”) with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“TRA”) on May 11, 2004.

The *Affidavit* states that James Meza is an attorney licensed and in good standing in the state of Louisiana, serving as in-house counsel for BellSouth, with no disciplinary actions or investigations pending. As declared in the *Affidavit*, Mr. Meza agrees to be subject to the jurisdiction of the TRA in any matter arising out of conduct in this proceeding and agrees to be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before the Agency.

In as much as the *Affidavit* complies with Rule 19 of the Tennessee Supreme Court and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg 1220-1-2- 04(7),

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Permission to appear before the TRA in this Docket is hereby granted.

DK Beale

Kim Beals, Counsel as Pre-Arbitration Officer